

Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, January 29, 1878

Home, January 29th, 78. ? (No envelope) My dear Al.,

I return proofs of your Chart-symbols. They are very clearly drawn and well cut. The smaller set of vowels is incomplete. You have enough in hand in the way of publication, with these Charts. Get them done before you undertake a book. I should have liked to see Copy of what you propose to put on the Charts. This will need careful arrangement. Your headache and difficulty in resting warn you again of danger to your constitution. You seem ambitious of the reputation of a "Martyr to Science", but with the warnings you have had, the reputation will truly be instead, "A Martyr to Folly". Having now finished your telegraph apparatus this excuse for night-work is at an end. Why write your Lecture to the Estey Club when you say that you get in heat in speaking from mere notes? You have your health in your own hands. You have surely endangered it hitherto. Advice is thrown away on you. I can only hope you will now reflect. The weather which was mild yesterday(31) is again cold today(3) The night measurement was (3). D. C. B. is in West Seaforth tonight. All well here. Mrs. Mitchell rather better. All join me in tender love.

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.